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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. AA307F

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Kouichi Miyamoto, et al. Confirmation No. 4304

Serial No.: 09/647,833 (Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: October 5, 2000 Examiner: J. Stephens

TECHNOLOGY CENTER ROTO Title: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING REINFORCED PANELS

1. [X] No additional fee is known to be required.

(Col. 1)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	х	\$18 =	\$0.00
	x	\$84 =	\$0.00

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- 3. [] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16. [x]a.
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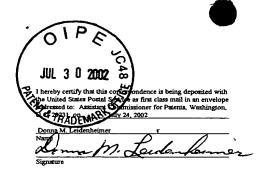
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action of 5/24/02, the Applicants hereby request further examination in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the examination of the above-identified Application.

This response fully addresses the issues raised in the aforementioned Final Office Action. No new matter has been added in this response.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner repeated the rejections of Claims 1-10 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Suzuki (EP 040832).

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